

We Claim:

- 1           1. A system in a vehicle including a plurality of  
2 components comprising:  
3           a display for displaying a plurality of items each  
4 representing a respective one of the components, the  
5 displayed items being arranged on the display in  
6 substantially the same relation to one another as the  
7 components represented thereby in the vehicle;  
8           an interface for selecting at least one of the  
9 items; and  
10           a processor for operating the component  
11 represented by the selected item.
- 1           2. The system of claim 1 wherein said vehicle  
2 comprises an automobile.
- 1           3. The system of claim 1 wherein said display  
2 comprises a liquid crystal display (LCD).
- 1           4. The system of claim 1 wherein said interface  
2 includes an indicator device for selecting the at least one  
3 of the items.
- 1           5. The system of claim 4 wherein said indicator  
2 device comprises a mouse device.
- 1           6. The system of claim 1 wherein said interface  
2 includes a touch-screen capability.
- 1           7. The system of claim 1 wherein said component  
2 includes a seat.

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1           8. The system of claim 1 wherein said component  
2 includes a window.

1           9. The system of claim 1 wherein said component  
2 includes a windshield wiper.

1           10. The system of claim 1 wherein said component  
2 includes a mirror.

1           11. The system of claim 1 wherein said component  
2 includes a vent.

1           12. The system of claim 1 wherein said component  
2 includes an audio system.

3           13. A system in a vehicle comprising:  
4           a display for displaying a first item indicative  
5 of the vehicle, and at least a second item indicative of an  
6 object;  
7           a processor for defining a zone on the display,  
8 said zone including the first item but excluding the second  
9 item, said zone representing an area in which the vehicle  
10 is; and  
11           an output for generating a signal when the object  
12 is detected to be within the area.

1           14. The system of claim 13 wherein the object is  
2 a second vehicle.

1           15. The system of claim 13 wherein the zone is  
2 defined as a function of at least a relative distance of the  
3 vehicle from the object.

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1           16. The system of claim 13 wherein the vehicle is  
2 in automatic driving.

1           17. The system of claim 16 further comprising a  
2 controller for initiating a termination of the automatic  
3 driving.

1           18. The system of claim 16 further comprising a  
2 mechanism for detecting second signals for guiding the  
3 vehicle in the automatic driving, the output generating a  
4 third signal when one or more of the second signals are not  
5 detected.

1           19. The system of claim 18 wherein each of said  
2 second signals includes a presence of a magnetic field.

1           20. The system of claim 13 further comprising a  
2 mechanism for displaying on the display a representation of  
3 any object within a predetermined distance from the vehicle.

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